Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know whether there is any idea of the Municipality to depute an officer to take a degree in Hygiene and Public Health?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No, so far as the Government know.

Site for theoccupation of the Valans of Thoosam.

432. Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Valans of Thoosam who objected to shift to Pachalam have petitioned Government for permission to occupy Survey No. 257 of the Ernakulam village or any other adjoining site;

(b) whether any enquiry was made in the matter, and report obtained;

(c) and why the said request of the Valans could not be sanctioned?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The request can be considered only after the completion of the Railway Conversion Scheme and the delimitation of the Railway lands in the locality.

Loans granted to Municipalities.

433. Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Will the Government be pleased to state how much of the loans granted by Government to the several Municipalities in the State remains unpaid on the 1st Kumbham 1108?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(1) Out of the loan of Rs. 50,000 granted to the Ernakulam Municipal Council for purposes of Town Improvements a sum of Rs. 551—5—9 has still to be paid to the Municipality.

(ii) The following amounts are pending recovery on 1st of Kumbham 1108.

(a) Trichur Municipality Rs. 476.

(b) Ernakulam Municipality Rs. 57,781—15—7.

Chittur Magistrate's Court.

434. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any representations have been received by the District Magistrate or the Government for the supply of furniture in the Chittur Magistrate's Court;

(b) whether any recommendations have been made to the Government by the District Magistrate regarding the same;

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(c) whether the Government propose to supply a clock and chairs to that court at an early date?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes

(b) The District Magistrate had requested for certain pieces of furniture.

(c) The chairs and clock now in use have been ordered to be repaired. The question of supplying new chairs and clock will be considered at the time of the next budget.

Representations to remove toddy shops in Mattancheri.

435. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received any representations (either in person or in writing) from the public of Mattancheri requesting the Government to remove the toddy and country liquor shops from the Municipal limits of Mattancheri;

(b) what steps have so far been taken to meet the requests;

(c) if no steps have yet been taken, whether the Government intend taking any and when?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) Yes.

(b) Government have considered the request and had decided that they cannot do anything further without knowing the result of the experiment at Nemmara.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer to (b).

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—May I know when this experiment was taken?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Beginning of this year.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—In what shape?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Total prohibition.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Whether on account of that experiment there was any increase in the revenue of the Government?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—It resulted in a loss of 15 thousand rupees.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Was foreign liquor also included in it?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know the result of the Nemmara experiment? Has prohibition gone down?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—I cannot say one way or the other.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Whether the Government has made any arrangement to see that this experiment has some effect?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—All possible arrangements are made to make it a success.

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